

November 11, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members:

I am writing you to share the final recommendations of the Program Area Review Team (PART) that was established this fall regarding Brian Public School, Cherokee Public School, Ernest Public School, L'Amoreaux Collegiate Institute, Muirhead Public School, Pleasant View Junior High School and Sir John A. Macdonald Collegiate Institute. The PART has completed its work and has developed the following recommendations.

Staff is in general agreement with the recommendations of the PART. These recommendations result in improved utilization rates, efficient use of space, program choice, equity and fair access to specialized programs. They do not incur additional transportation costs. They achieve a decrease in the number of portables needed at the schools.

1. Grade Changes:
 - a. That the junior elementary schools (Brian PS, Cherokee PS, Ernest PS, and Muirhead PS) become JK to Grade 5 schools.
 - b. That Pleasant View JHS becomes a Grade 6 to 8 school.
 - With a corresponding school name change being, to Pleasant View Middle School.
 - c. That Grade 9 pupils from Pleasant View move to Sir John A. Macdonald CI or L'Amoreaux CI depending on home address.
2. Shift in French Programs:
 - a. The pathway from Brian PS be to Don Valley MS for Grades 6 to 8, Windfields JHS for Grade 9, and then to York Mills CI for Grades 10 to 12.
 - b. That an additional guaranteed option be provided to Don Valley MS French Immersion pupils to attend Newtonbrook SS for Grades 9 to 12.
 - c. That a French Extended Program be created at Cherokee PS feeding to a new French Extended Program at Pleasant View MS.
 - d. That a French Immersion Program be created at Ernest PS.
3. Change to the Brian PS, Ernest PS and Muirhead PS Junior Attendance Areas with the Regular Program pathway to Pleasant View MS and Sir John A. Macdonald CI or L'Amoreaux CI in the case of Ernest PS.
4. Implementation:
 - a. That Grade 6 and 9 shifts occur for September 2017;
 - b. That new French program sites at Ernest PS and Cherokee PS be implemented for September 2016;
 - c. That existing French Immersion program changes occur beginning September 2017 meaning new program sites will have their first grade of intake (French Immersion Grade 6s will move to Don Valley MS);
 - d. That the change to the Brian PS, Ernest PS and Muirhead PS boundary be implemented for September 2016 with grandparenting of existing pupils and their younger siblings;

- e. That school based transition teams be established, involving teachers, parents, principal, and when appropriate students, to identify and mitigate issues in student readiness, including such matters of student safety.

The next steps in the approval process regarding staff's recommended changes are as follows:

- School board staff will present a report with their recommendations to the Board's **Planning and Priorities Committee** on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015** at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to share your thoughts in person or in writing with Trustees, please contact Denisse Parra at denisse.parra@tdsb.on.ca by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015. For more information, please go to www.tdsb.on.ca/boardroom and click on Delegations.
- The Planning and Priorities Committee will present its recommendations regarding the Program Area Review to the **Board of Trustees** at a meeting on **Wednesday, November 25, 2015**. At this meeting, the Board will make the final decisions about the schools.

If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to contact me. I will inform you about the Board's decision.

I would like to thank all members of the PART and those who attended the public meeting for their valuable contribution. A great deal of time was spent developing recommendations that will benefit area students.

Regards,



Beth Veale
Superintendent of Education ER18

cc: Ken Lister, Trustee Ward 17
cc: Manna Wong, Trustee Ward 20

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